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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:)
Fawaz, et al.)
Application No: 09/189,819)
Filed: November 10, 1998)
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS TO)
MINIMIZE CONGESTION IN A PACKET)
SWITCHED NETWORK)

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

In response to the final rejection in the Office Action mailed October 23, 2002, please enter the following amendment and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 5 and 8 as follows.

5. (Once Amended) A method for controlling congestion in a network having a

plurality of switching points, comprising:

maintaining a plurality of service level agreements (SLAs) at a first switching point, each SLA having a corresponding minimum data rate;